THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The Delhi Rent Act, 1995, which was enacted on 23.8.1995, has not been brought into force so far. Immediately after the Bill was passed there were representations against some of the provisions of the said Act by a section of tenants, particularly the trader-tenants. The matter was examined in detail by the Government and it was decided to bring the Act into force after effecting amendments to some of its provisions. The Delhi Rent (Amendment) Bill, 1997 was accordingly introduced in the Rajya Sabha in July, 1997.

(d) The basic objective of the rent control legislation is to protect the tenant against exorbitant rents, arbitrary increases in the rent and ensure his security of tenure. The subject of rent being a State subject, the State Governments have framed their own rent control laws in this regard.

(e) and (f) The Delhi Rent (Amendment) Bill, 1997 was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban and Rural Development for examination and report. The Committee submitted its report to the Parliament in December, 2000 suggesting some changes in the provisions of the Amendment Bill. The Government considered the report and accepted all the recommendations of the Committee. The Amendment Bill could not, however, be debated till the 13th Lok Sabha was dissolved. Action regarding pursuing of the Amendment Bill has been initiated.

Concession to senior citizens

1886. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that senior citizens in metropolitan cities get concession in rentals;

(b) if so, in which cities and how much concession; and

(c) what are the reasons for not extending the concession all over the country and the reasons for such discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The basic objective of the rent control legislation is to

protect the tenant against exorbitant rents, arbitrary increases in the rent and ensure his security of tenure. Housing is a State subject and the State Governments frame their own rent control laws. Details of concession in rentals provided by any State to senior citizens are not available.

Infrastructural development in Mumbai

1887. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a request from the Government of Maharashtra for providing Rs. 1500 crores annually for a period of five years for infrastructural development in Mumbai City; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Motor garages for first floor flats

† 1888. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 223 given in Rajya Sabha on the 12th July, 2004 and state:

(a) the number of such allottees of Ground Floor who have motor garages in their names and since when; and

(b) the number of such allottees of the first floor who are waiting for garages and since when?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The details are enclosed as Statement-I *(See* below).

(b) The details are enclosed as Statement-II.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.